APPENDIX

ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

Abbreviations, acronyms and definitions which apply for the purpose of this report.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Aircraft Control and

Warning

AIREP Aircraft Weather Reports

(Commercial and Military)

AJTWC Alternate Joint Typhoon

Warning Center

AUTODIN Automatic Digital Network

AUTOVON Automatic Voice Network

Automated Weather Network AWN

AWS Air Weather Service

CINCPAC Commander in Chief Pacific

CINCPACELT Commander in Chief

U. S. Pacific Fleet

CDRUSACSG Commander, U. S. Army

CINCPAC Support Group

DMSP Defense Meteorological

Satellite Program

FLEWEACEN/JTWC Fleet Weather Central/

Joint Typhoon Warning

Center

NEDN Naval Environmental Data

Network

National Environmental NESS

Satellite Service

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NTCC Naval Telecommunications

NWS National Weather Service

PACOM Pacific Command

NOAA

TCARC

SLP (MSLP) Sea Level Pressure (Minimum Sea Level Pres-

sure)

SMS Synchronous Meteorologi-

cal Satellite

Tropical Cyclone Aircraft Reconnaissance Coordinator

TC Tropical Cyclone

Tropical Depression TD

WMO World Meteorological

Organization

2. DEFINITIONS

ALTERNATE JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER-The AJTWC is Detachment 17, 30th Weather Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan with assistance from the Naval Weather Service Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.

CYCLONE-A closed atmospheric circulation rotating about an area of low pressure (counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere).

EXTRATROPICAL-A term used in warnings and tropical summaries to indicate that a cyclone has lost its "tropical characteristics". The term implies both poleward displacement from the tropics and the conversion of the cyclone's primary energy sources from release of latent heat of condensation to baroclinic processes. The term carries no implications as to strength or size.

EYE/CENTER-Refers to the roughly circular central area of a well developed tropical cyclone usually characterized by comparatively light winds and fair weather. If more than half surrounded by wall cloud, the word "eye" is used, otherwise the area is referred to as a center.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND-Maximum surface wind speed of a cyclone averaged over a 1-minute period of time. Wind speed is subject to gusts which bring a sudden temporary increase in speed (i.e., on the order of a few seconds). Peak gusts over water average 20 to 25 percent higher than the sustained 1-minute wind speed.

SIGNIFICANT TROPICAL CYCLONE-A tropical cyclone becomes "significant" with the issuance of the first numbered warning by the responsible warning agency.

TROPICAL CYCLONE-A nonfrontal low pressure system of synoptic scale developing over tropical or subtropical waters and having a definite organized circulation.

TROPICAL CYCLONE AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE COORDINATOR-A CINCPACAF representative designated to levy tropical cyclone aircraft weather reconnaissance requirements on reconnaissance units within a designated area of the PACOM and to function as coordinator between CINCPACAF, aircraft weather reconnaissance units, and the appropriate typhoon/hurricane warning center.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION-A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind (1-minute mean) is 33 kt or less.

TROPICAL DISTURBANCE-A discrete system of apparently organized convection-generally 100 to 300 miles in diameter-originating in the tropics or subtropics, having a nonfrontal migratory character,

and having maintained its identity for 24 hours or more. It may or may not be associated with a detectable perturbation of the wind field. As such, it is the basic generic designation which, in successive stages of intensification, may be classified as a tropical depression, tropical storm or typhoon.

TROPICAL STORM-A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained surface winds (1-minute mean) in the range of 34 to 63 kt, inclusive.

TYPHOON/HURRICANE-A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind (1-minute mean) is 64 kt or greater.

SUPER TYPHOON/HURRICANE-A typhoon/hurricane in which the maximum sustained surface wind (1-minute mean) is 130 kt or greater.

WALL CLOUD-An organized band of cumuliform clouds immediately surrounding the central area of a tropical cyclone. Wall clouds may entirely enclose the eye or only partially surround the center.

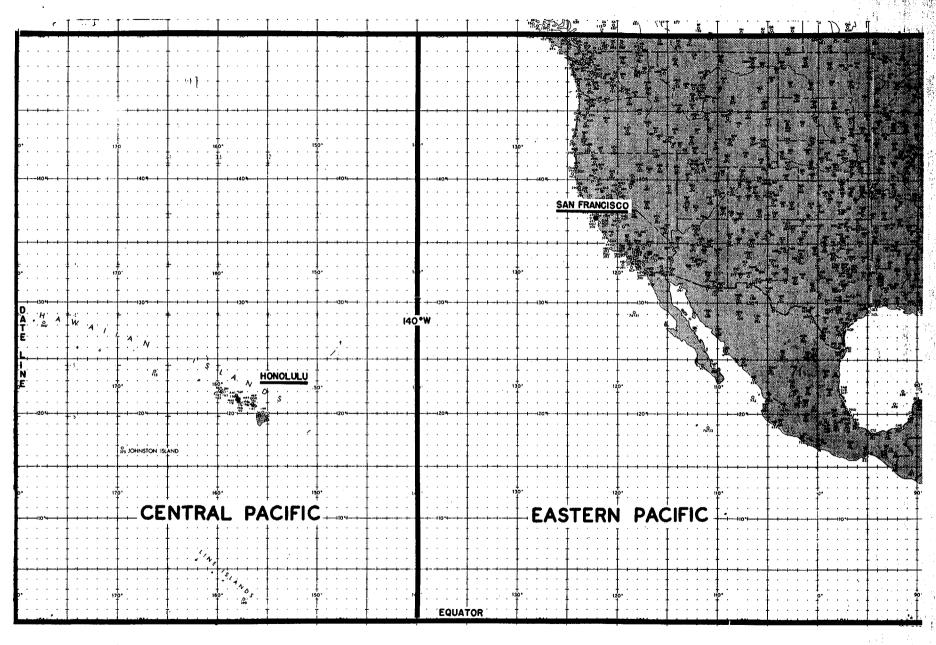
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